

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 6, 15, and 16.

Please amend claims 1, 13, and 20 as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of making an interior trim panel for a vehicle, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a mold having a first half and a second half;

providing a trim loading system on the first half;

loading a trim blank into the trim loading system ~~a first side of a cavity of the first half;~~

moving a slide having a recess to an extended position on the second half;

~~depositing~~ extruding a molten first thermoplastic material onto the second half;

closing the mold to bond the first thermoplastic material to the trim blank and disposing a blade on the first half in the recess;

moving the slide to a retracted position; and

injecting a molten second thermoplastic material into a ~~second side of the cavity~~ between the first half and the second half to bond the second thermoplastic material to the first thermoplastic material to form the interior trim panel.

2. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of injecting includes forming a carrier from the thermoplastic material and bonding the carrier to the trim blank.

3. (CANCELED)

4. (CANCELED)

5. (CANCELED)

6. (CANCELED)

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said step of injecting comprises providing an injection unit for injecting molten plastic into the mold.

8. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 7 including the step of cooling the interior trim panel.

9. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 8 including the step of opening the mold.

10. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 9 including the step of removing the interior trim panel from the mold.

11. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 1 including the step of pre-cutting the trim blank.

12. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 1 including the step of starting one step before a previous step has been completed.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of making an interior trim panel for an inner panel of a vehicle, said method comprising the steps of:

- providing a mold having a first half and a second half;
- providing a trim loading system on the first half;
- loading a trim blank into the trim loading system ~~a first side of a cavity of the first half;~~
- moving a slide having a recess to an extended position on the second half;
- ~~depositing~~ extruding a molten first thermoplastic material onto the second half;
- closing the mold to bond the first thermoplastic material to the trim blank and disposing a blade on the first half in the recess to form a first portion of the interior trim panel;
- moving the slide to a retracted position; and
- injecting a molten second thermoplastic material into the mold and forcing the molten second plastic material into a ~~second side of the~~ cavity between the first half and the second half to bond the second thermoplastic material to the first thermoplastic material to form a second portion of the interior trim panel.

14. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 13 wherein said step of injecting includes forming a carrier from the thermoplastic material and bonding the carrier to the trim blank.

15. (CANCELED)

16. (CANCELED)

17. (CANCELED)

18. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) A method as set forth in claim 13 including the step of opening the mold.

19. (ORIGINAL) A method as set forth in claim 18 including the step of removing the interior trim panel from the mold.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of making a door trim panel for attachment to an inner panel of a door of a vehicle, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a mold having a first half and a second half;

providing a pin frame on the first half;

loading a trim blank into the pin frame ~~a first side of a cavity of the first half;~~

extending a slide having a recess to an extended position on the second half;

~~depositing~~ extruding a molten first thermoplastic material onto the second half;

closing the mold to bond the first thermoplastic material to the trim blank and

disposing a blade on the first half in the recess to form a first portion of the door trim panel;

retracting the slide to a retracted position; and

injecting a molten second thermoplastic material into a ~~second side of the~~ cavity between the first half and the second half and forcing the molten second thermoplastic ~~plastic~~ material into ~~the second side of the cavity~~ to bond the second thermoplastic material to the first thermoplastic material to form a second portion of the door trim panel.